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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for National Foreign Assessment
FROM: Director of Central Intelligence
SUBJECT: Intelligence Assessment on Soviet Civil Defense [REDACTED]

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1. I have just read the overview of the intelligence assessment on Soviet civil defense training for the general public. I'm afraid I don't get the message. [REDACTED]

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2. In the penultimate paragraph we state, "This renewed program is more vigorous and visible than previous efforts but reflects only a marginal improvement from the standpoint of training effectiveness." This leaves me confused. I can only conclude that this more vigorous and visible activity is so poorly organized that they are making only marginal improvements. [REDACTED]

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3. I asked for this assessment because I wanted to know whether there is substantial or very little training going on in the Soviet public civil defense sector. Perhaps we just don't know. I read the key sentence as saying yes, there is, but it doesn't mean much, and that doesn't mean much to me. Can you clarify this? [REDACTED]

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